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Appn. No. 10/677,966
Docket No. 14XZ126398/GEM-0171**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS****Status of Claims**

Claims 1-41, 43-54 and 56-60 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 19-41, 43-54, 56 and 57 stand allowed. Claims 13-18 stand rejected. Applicant has canceled Claims 13-18, leaving only allowed Claims 1-12, 19-41, 43-54, 56 and 57 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections have been rendered moot in view of the amendments made herein, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e)

Claims 13-18 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e) as being anticipated by Shaw (U.S. Patent No. 6,728,415, hereinafter Shaw). The Examiner remarks in the Advisory Action that Claim 1 has been amended so gamma is greater than 0, yet Claims 13-18 recited gamma is 0.

Applicant has canceled Claims 13-18, thereby rendering any remaining rejections moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests notice of allowance with respect to the allowable claims.

Applicant has amended the claims for presentation in a better form for appeal. The claim amendments should only require a cursory review by the Examiner as they only include language presented in earlier allowed claims.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and should therefore be entered, and with their entry that all outstanding rejections have been overcome and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

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If a communication with Applicant's Attorneys would assist in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such issues may be promptly resolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2513.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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